GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO FARMERS
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and released by the Union Government to the farmers as compensation whose fields and crops were damaged due to deployment of armed forces, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have received some complaints about irregularity in disbursing of compensation among the farmers; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Ministry of Defence have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1,30,29,52,580/- towards payment of ex-gratia compensation to the people/farmers for the damages occurred to their crops during the preparatory stage of defensive preparations/movement of Armed Forces in the border area of J&K, Punjab and Rajasthan.The entire amount has been released to the State Governments as per details given below:

S.No.	Name of State	Amount released
1.	Punjab	Rs. 66,00,00,000/-
2.	Rajasthan	Rs. 54,31,57,580/-
3.	J & K	Rs. 09,97,95,000/-
	TOTAL	Rs. 1,30,29,52,580/-

(b) & (c): The amount of compensation is being disbursed to the affected farmers by the State Revenue Authorities based on their Revenue records. However, no complaint regarding irregularity in disbursement of compensation among the farmers has come to the notice of this Ministry.